

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 138

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Roger Dale Elder of
Blount County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Roger Dale Elder; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Elder was an exemplary gentleman, an entrepreneur, and a cowboy with a lighthearted disposition; his life's journey was one full of adventure and devotion to his family; and

WHEREAS, born on November 3, 1949, in Byrdstown, Roger Elder was the son of Dale and Ovella Elder; and

WHEREAS, a man with a passion for horses, Mr. Elder served his community as the proud owner of two thriving businesses, Elder's Last Lap Ranch and Double R Sales & Associates; he also volunteered much of his time to the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) as a director of the association, a judge, a breeder, a steward, and the AQHA National Youth Committee Chairman, and he sat on the commissions for horse racing and animal welfare for two Tennessee governors; and

WHEREAS, Roger Elder regarded his family as his driving motivation through life; he strived to fulfill their dreams and took pride in the members of his family, showing his support by watching their sporting events, attending horse shows with them, and simply sitting with them in conversation; and

WHEREAS, he was married to the love of his life, Sandra Elder; their timeless love produced two children, John (Julie) Elder and Sarah Elder (Andy) Chabot, and two grandchildren, Ty and Will; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife, children, and grandchildren, he leaves to mourn his memory his brother, Doug (Rhonda) Elder; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Elder leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Roger Dale Elder, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Elder.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.